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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Tatarka, et al.  
Appl. No.: 09/431,931  
Filed: November 1, 1999  
For: PUNCTURE RESISTANT, HIGH SHRINK FILMS,  
BLENDS, AND PROCESS

Group Art Unit: 1773  
Examiner: M. Jackson

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Sir:

In reply to the Official Action dated May 22, 2001, for which a three (3) month extension of time is requested, making the deadline for reply November 23, 2001 (November 22, 2001 being a Holiday), please amend the application as follows.

In The Specification:

Please revise Page 68, last paragraph, , beginning on line 18 through Page 69, line 8 as follows:

In The Specification:

In another aspect of the invention, one or more alternative layers having gas barrier properties may be incorporated into a multilayer film as either an intermediate or surface layer or both. For example, ethylene vinyl alcohol copolymer (EVOH), vinylidene chloride-methylacrylate copolymer, nylon such as nylon 6 or amorphous nylon, polyvinylidene chloride-vinyl chloride copolymer (pvdc), acrylonitriles and other materials having oxygen barrier properties may be used in one or more layers such as the core layer. Blends of resins having gas barrier properties may also be used e.g. a blend of nylon with EVOH. Typical gas barrier films will have an O<sub>2</sub> transmission of less than 15 cc/100 in<sup>2</sup> for 24 hrs. at 1 atm.. In various multilayer embodiments of the invention well known adhesive resins such as

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